

Claims

- [c1] A method for identifying a version of a form comprising:
initializing a pointing instrument having a form version database;
determining if the form version database must be updated; and
obtaining form version data from the form; and
determining whether the form is an acceptable version using the form version database and the form version data.
- [c2] The method of claim 1 wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen.
- [c3] The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by scanning an RF-ID tag.
- [c4] The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by scanning a bar code.
- [c5] The method of claim 2 wherein the form version data is obtained by obtaining user stroke data.
- [c6] The method of claim 5 wherein the user stroke data is obtained when the user traces over a form indicator.
- [c7] The method of claim 6 wherein the form indicator is a serial number pre-printed on the form in a dashed font.
- [c8] 8. digital pen comprising:
a processor;
a storage device connected to the processor; and
the storage device storing a form version database.